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Conclusions of the Burundi configuration

The Peacebuilding Commission,

1. *Welcomes* the Declaration of the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Great Lakes Region on the Burundi Peace Process of 4 December 2008 in Bujumbura, calls on both parties for the urgent implementation of the provisions contained in the Declaration and of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement, and in this regard stresses the importance of immediate international support;

2. *Welcomes* the setting up by the Government of Burundi and the World Bank of the Transitional Demobilization and Reintegration Project for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration, stresses the importance of ensuring that there are no gaps in its implementation, and calls for additional voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund of the Project;

3. *Calls on* the international community to urgently extend the necessary logistical, material and financial support for the establishment of the designated Assembly Areas for cantonment and other preparatory tasks for the immediate commencement of the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration process;

4. *Urges* the Palipehutu-FNL to release without further delay all children associated with it, and calls for international support for the speedy reunification of those children with their families and their reintegration and rehabilitation;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* for the invaluable efforts made by the Regional Initiative for the Burundi Peace Process, the South African Facilitation, the Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, the African Union, including the African Union Special Task Force, and the Political Directorate, and recognizes the importance of their remaining actively engaged on the ground to monitor the process and to ensure its sustainability;

6. *Calls on* the Palipehutu-FNL to take the necessary steps to transform itself into a national political party, and encourages international support for that process;

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7. *Encourages* the Government to develop, with the support of partners, a longer-term strategy for the sustainable socio-economic reintegration of combatants and others, including previously demobilized combatants, soldiers and police;

8. *Reiterates* that the Peacebuilding Commission will continue to actively support the implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement through advocacy, resource mobilization and the coordination of international support for Burundi.